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SUBJECT: CRAWFORD CASE: PLANNED DEPARTURE FROM SOVIET UNION

REF: STATE 227317

SUMMARY. AFTER BRIEF, BIZARRE INTERLUDE, SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) INDICATES CRAWFORD WILL RECEIVE EXIT VISA TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8. CRAWFORD, TOGETHER WITH I-H COUNSEL BOOTH, PROFESSOR MAGGS AND FIANCEE OLBRISH, PLANS DEPART MOSCOW 1910 (LOCAL TIME) ON REGULAR LUFTHANSA FLIGHT TO FRANKFURT. TIMING OF ONWARD TRAVEL TO CHICAGO NOT YET CONFIRMED. END SUMMARY.

1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 7 VERDICT AND SENTENCING, CRAWFORD SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR SEPTEMBER 8 SOVIET EXIT VISA TO MFT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER HE RECEIVED BIZARRE PHONE CALL FROM MFT FIRST CHASTISING HIM AS EXPERIENCED MOSCOW BUSINESSMAN FOR NOT OBSERVING USUAL FIVE DAY ADVANCE NOTICE PROCEDURE,

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THEN COMPLAINING THAT HE HAD FAILED TO NOTE INTENDED DATE OF RETURN ON APPLICATION. WHEN CRAWFORD THREW OUT FICTITIOUS DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30, INDIVIDUAL AT MFT SAID IN THAT CASE HE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION, AS HIS CURRENT ONE WOULD EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 20.

2. PURSUANT TO REFTEL, EMBASSY SPOKE WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE PROTOCOL SECTION AT OOB SEPT 8 TO REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF CRAWFORD EXIT VISA. PROTOCOL CHIEF RAKHMANIN PHONED BACK SHORTLY BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK TO CONFIRM NATURE OF EMBASSY/I-H REQUEST. WHILE STILL ON PHONE, RAKHMANIN CHECKED WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN HIS OFFICE WHO CONFIRMED THAT VISA REQUEST WAS INHAND, WHEREUPON RAKHMANIN ISSUED ORDER THAT VISA SHOULD BE ISSUED "RIGHT NOW" (SEYCHAS-ZHE). TURNING BACK TO TELEPHONE, HE THEN CONFIRMED THAT CRAWFORD WOULD RECEIVE HIS VISA AND BE ABLE TO DEPART MOSCOW TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8. TOON

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